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APPLICANT: William P. Apps, et al.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals from the Examiner's Final Rejection of claims 1-3, 12-16, 18-64 mailed February 25, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1984 in the amount of \$440 (including \$330 for the Notice of Appeal and \$110 for a one-month extension of time.)

Only a one-month extension of time should be required. In the February 25, 2004 Final Rejection, the Examiner set a variable reply period pursuant to MPEP 706.07(f). Applicant responded within two months (on Monday, April 26, 2004, which is a response within two-months, per MPEP 706.07(f)). However, the Examiner never issued an advisory action so the variable response date was never set. If the Examiner had issued an advisory action, Applicant would have had to pay for a one-month extension. Therefore, only a one-month extension of time should be required. However, if any additional fees or extensions are required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1984.

Respectfully submitted,

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